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In re patent application of

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METHODS OF TREATING A CONDITION

BY STIMULATION OR INHIBITION OF EPITHELIAL CELL GROWTH USING KERATINOCYTE GROWTH FACTOR

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.129

Sir:

For:

Applicants herewith file this response under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.129. When taking into consideration the priority date of this application, this application had been pending for at least two years on June 8, 1995. The Examiner mailed a Restriction Requirement on June 4, 1998. Prior to that date, no previous action restricted methods of stimulating from methods of inhibiting in the same application. In view of the above, applicants believe the application of the transitional provisions is proper. Applicants herewith submit a Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee and a fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(s). In the event these fees are not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit the undersigned's charge account No. 19-0741. Please amend the application, as follows:

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